

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were presented for examination and are pending. Claim 1-12 and 21-25 have been withdrawn. Claims 13-19, 26 and 27 are rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Restriction Requirement

The provisional election without traverse made by the undersigned in a telephone conversation with the Examiner on October 27, 2003 is affirmed.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 13-15 are rejected as being anticipated by the applicants' admission on page 3 of the present application.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Claims 14 and 15 depend from claim 13. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 13, 16-19, 26 and 27 are rejected as being unpatentable over the applicants' admission on page 3 in view of Doshi et al.

As discussed above, claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Claims 16 and 19 have been

canceled. Claims 17, 18, 26 and 27 depend from claim 13. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

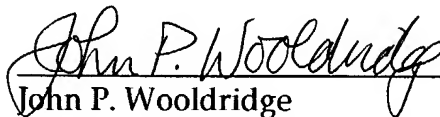
The Examiner has indicated that the limitations of claim 20 are allowable.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 13-15, 17, 18, 26 and 27 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing comments.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please contact the undersigned at 808-270-1011.

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